

of Sierra Leone on the success of their recent democratic multiparty elections; **Pages H5318–21**

*Anniversary of Poland's First Constitution:* H. Con. Res. 165, saluting and congratulating Polish people around the world as, on May 3, 1996, they commemorate the 205th anniversary of the adoption of Poland's first constitution; and **Pages H5321–23**

*Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster Anniversary:* H. Con. Res. 167, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster, and supporting the closing of the Chornobyl nuclear power plant (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas, Roll No. 183). **Pages H5323–26, H5356–57**

**Motor Fuels Excise Tax Rates:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 301 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 182, the House passed H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury. **Pages H5337–52, H5355–56**

Rejected the Rangel motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 181). **Pages H5352–55**

Agreed to the amendment made in order by the rule. **Page H5337**

H. Res. 436, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H5326–37**

**Intelligence Authorization:** House agreed to H. Res. 437, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Pages H5357–60**

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5380–81.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5301.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5336–37, H5355, H5355–56, and H5356–57.

There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to begin markup of the defense appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

Will continue tomorrow.

### AID WHISTLEBLOWER

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on AID Whistleblower. Testimony was heard from Paul Neifert, Foreign Service Officer, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

### SOUTH—CHURCH FIRES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing on Church fires in the South. Testimony was heard from Representative Payne of New Jersey; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Deval L. Patrick, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division; and Tron W. Brekke, Chief, Civil Rights Program, FBI; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Enforcement; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—ECOREGION-BASED ASSESSMENTS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on several ecoregion-based assessments currently being conducted by the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; David Unger, Associate Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on Bonneville Power Administration operations and status of the Comprehensive Review of the Northwest Energy System. Testimony was heard from Jack Robertson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

**SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT;  
PORTAL-TO-PORTAL ACT AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Rules:* granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing for consideration in the House of H.R. 3448, Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, without the intervention of a point of order except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting unfunded mandates). The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be considered as read and all points of order are waived against said substitute except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The rule provides that the bill and committee amendment shall be debatable for one hour, divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The previous question is considered as ordered on the bill and the committee amendment to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. The rule further provides that the provisions of clause 5(c) of rule XXI (requiring a three-fifths vote on bills, amendments, and conference reports containing income tax rate increases) shall not apply to the bill, amendments thereto, or conference reports thereon.

After the disposition of H.R. 3448, it shall be in order to consider in the House, H.R. 1227, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles, without intervening point of order except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting unfunded mandates). The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, as modified by the amendment printed in section 3 of the rule adding a short title, is considered as adopted.

The previous question is ordered without intervening motion except: (1) ninety minutes of debate divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; (2) an amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Riggs of California or his designee, debatable for ninety minutes; (3) an amendment printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Goodling of Pennsylvania or his designee, debatable for one hour and subject to a division of the question between subsection 3(d) (small business exemption) and the remainder of the amendment; and (4) one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The rule provides that each amendment made in order is considered as read, is not subject to amendment or point of order, except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 3448, the Clerk shall await the disposition of H.R. 1227 and shall add the text of H.R. 1227 as passed by the House. Finally, the rule provides that upon the addition of the text of H.R. 1227 to the engrossment of H.R. 3448, H.R. 1227 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and the following Representatives: Fawell, Hutchinson, Lightfoot, Dickey, Campbell, Quinn, Shays, English of Pennsylvania, Shaw, Clay, Rangel and Neal of Massachusetts.

## *Joint Meetings*

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT**

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1617, to consolidate Federal employment training, vocational education, and adult education programs and create integrated statewide workforce development systems, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, May 23.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D465)*

S. 641, to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990. Signed May 20, 1996. (P.L. 104-146)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1996**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*, to hold hearings on S. 1511, to impose sanctions on Burma, 8:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine security in cyberspace, 8:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Small Business*, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to strengthen, expand, and improve the Small Business Investment Company program, and to consider the nomination of Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, time to be announced, SR-428A.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Produce, hearing on seafood inspection programs, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.